THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contribution of Child Labour

2068. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of Child Labour contribution in the national production; and

(b) what steps are being taken to remove the child labour?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No comprehensive survey as such has been conducted to ascertain the percentage of child labour contribution in the national production.

(b) There are a number of legislations which prohibt the employment of children below 14 years in certain occupations/processes and regulate their conditions of work in other areas with a view to protect them from exploitation at work and also to improve their working conditions. The National Policy on Child Labour 1987, *inter alia*, envisages project based plan of action in areas of concentration of child labour and focussing on general development programme for the benefit of child labour. Financial assistance to voluntary organisation is also provided to take action-oriented projects.

Tripartite Committee on Dearness Allowances for Public Sector

2069. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the term of the Tripartite Committee on Public Sector Dearness Allowances and the report has not been finalised so far; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay by the Tripartite Committee on D.A. for not submitting its report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes Sir, the term of the Committee has been extended up to 31st July, 1992.

(b) There has been no unanimity so far on a suitable Dearness Allowance Formula.

Employees' State Insurance Scheme

2070. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees State Insurance Scheme coverage has been increased from Rs. 1600/- to Rs. 3000/-;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a number of trade unions have secured stay order against the implementation of the Scheme with extended coverage on the ground that the service they are getting from the Scheme is not satisfactory; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. 23 trade unions belonging to different establishments have secured interim stay orders against the upward revision of wage ceiling for coverage under the ESI Scheme. Necessary steps are being taken to get the interim stay orders vacated.

Conditions of child labour in the country

2071. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that millions of children are employed in household, business establishments, factories and even in hazardous industries

despite the law prohibiting their employment in such industries;

(b) whether Government are also aware that most of the child labourers remain illiterate and many of them suffer from chronic ailments such as T.B., Cancer etc.

(c) if so, whether Government proposed to make it compulsory for the employers of children to send such children to schools in the evening or night schools and insure them against disease and occupational accidents; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take to improve the lot of child labourers in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Government is aware that many children are working under difficult conditions and they are not able to avail of the educational facilities due to socio-economic compulsions.

(c) and (d) A number of legislations have been enacted with a view to protect the children from exploitation at work and also to improve their working conditions. Social security benefits concerning workers' compensation and also insurance are available as per legislative provisions and specific schemes for all workers. The National Policy on Child Labour 1987, *inter alia*, envisages project based plan of action in areas of concentration of child labour and focussing on general development programme for the benefit of child labour. Financial assistance to voluntary organisations is also provided for taking up action-oriented projects. All these welfare projects generally have an integrated approach comprising educational, vocational training, nutritional, health care etc. Many State Governments also have legislated making educational compulsory for all children. Hence, there is no proposal to compel the employers to ensure education of children.

2072 [*Transferred to the 12th May 1992*]

Minimum wages of mine workers

2073. SHRI CHANDRA MOHAN SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the level of minimum wages of piece rated mining labourer and a time-rated labourer at the Badampahar, Sulaipat, Gorumohisani Purunapani Iron ore mines at present;

(b) what are other facilities being provided to the labourers apart from the wages by the employers; and

(c) what are the names of the lease holders of these mines and what is the average daily output in each of these mines in the year 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

बीड़ी-मजदूरों के लिए कल्याण योजनायें

2074. **मौलाना ओबेदुल्ला खान आज़मी** क्या **प्रधान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा बीड़ी-मजदूरों के अधिकारों के संरक्षण हेतु क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) बीड़ी-मजदूरों के कल्याण हेतु इस समय कौन-कौन सी कल्याण योजनायें चलायी जा रही हैं ; और

(ग) उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर) : (क) बीड़ी और सिगार कर्मकार (नियोजन की शर्तें) अधिनियम, 1966 और इसके अंतर्गत बनाए गए नियमों में बीड़ी कर्मकारों की कार्यदशाओं को नियमित करने और नियोक्ताओं या ठेकेदारों के शोषण से उनको बचाने के प्रावधान शामिल हैं । राज्य